# **MBOGC Online Data Application**

This application is a re-build of the Board's original online data system utilizing Microsoft .Net.

- Pop-up blockers need to be disabled or pop-ups allowed for the MBOGC website in order to export data.
- Cookies must be enabled.
- Printing directly from the application is not supported except in the case of production plots within the CBM section. Data should be exported and formatted by the prior to printing.

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### **Overview**

Each tab has an overview page that describes the basic functions of the underlying forms. This can be used to determine which of the forms is best for your purpose. However, here are some hints:

**Well Data:** if your intent is to find basic data for wells in a larger area such as in one or more townships, a field, or a county the best place to start would be the Multiple Well Search / Well Search form. This form also provides the best method of exporting a filtered well list displaying basic well header information.

Alternatively, if more complete data including formation tops, well history, or production for a set of wells in a given township, range and section, a township, or a small field is required, the Well Search form is best.

**Production Data:** Normally the Well Search form is the best way to view production data for a well or small set of wells. However, the same functionality is available under the Well Production Data form under the Production grouping. The advantage of the Well Search form is that additional well history and formation data are present that are not available on the production tab.

There are also a number of options for viewing production data under the Grouped Production Level of the Production tab.

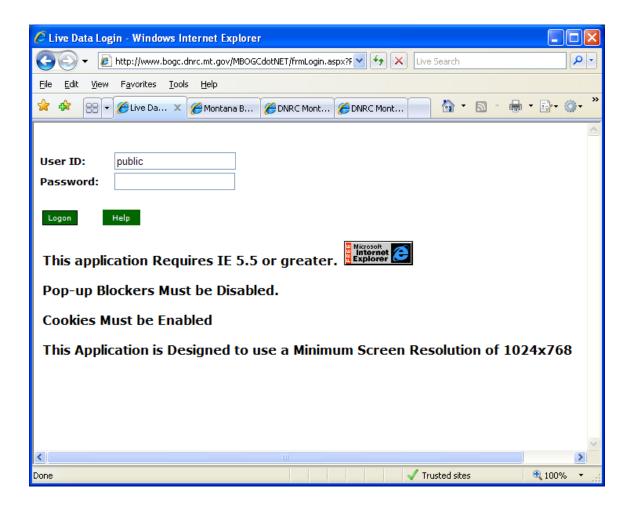
**Lease and Sales Information:** Production is reported by well and sales are reported by lease. Leases are identified by a unique property number related to revenue filing and this number is required to do searches. The "Lease Wells" form can be used to find lease numbers for the subsequent filtering to lease production and lease purchasers.

**Well Longitude and Latitude:** Longitude and latitude for all wells is available under "Wells" and "Well Long/Lat". Since this is a rather large file the download time can be excessive, but it is possible to filter to all the wells in a given county which will result in a quicker download. Well locations are also available in tabular form in the file named Well\_Surface.tab at this address:

http://bogc.dnrc.state.mt.us/annualreview/MTOG GIS Data/

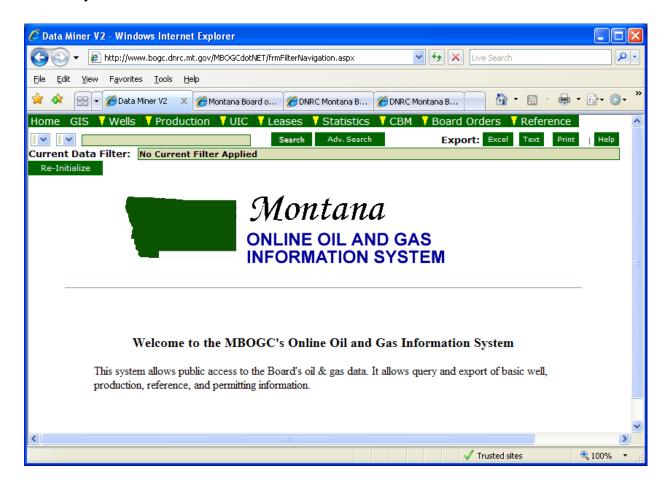
# **Accessing the Online System**

Introduction and Log-in



Click the "Logon" button with public as the user and a blank password box to enter the system.

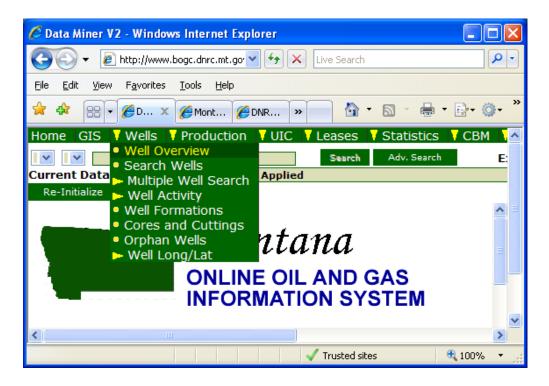
## Start-up Screen



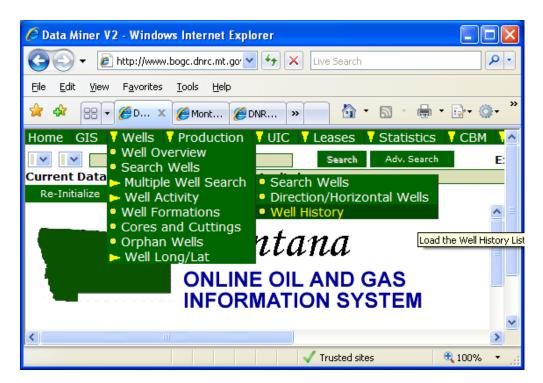
The application loads with the screen shown above. The tabs located at the top of the screen are used for navigation and available data are grouped by category, such as Wells, Production, UIC, Leases, etc.

To advance to a data screen place the mouse over one of the tab headings to expand the menu list.

### **BASIC NAVIGATION**



Moving the mouse cursor to a data category opens a list of data options. Menu entries identified with a "\*" or dot indicate a single form option, while those preceded by a ">" indicate another level of menus below the current level as shown below.

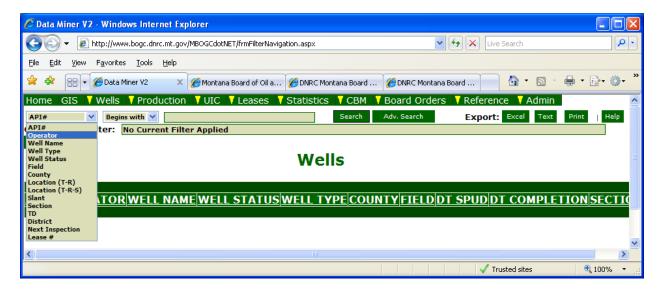


Clicking an entry on highest menu level will open a form and activate the filter options.

## Multiple Well Search / Search Wells Form

This form is the basic form used to derive a list of wells matching some filter criteria and will be used to demonstrate filtering.

Filter criteria are selected using the drop box located in the upper left corner of the screen below the tabs.



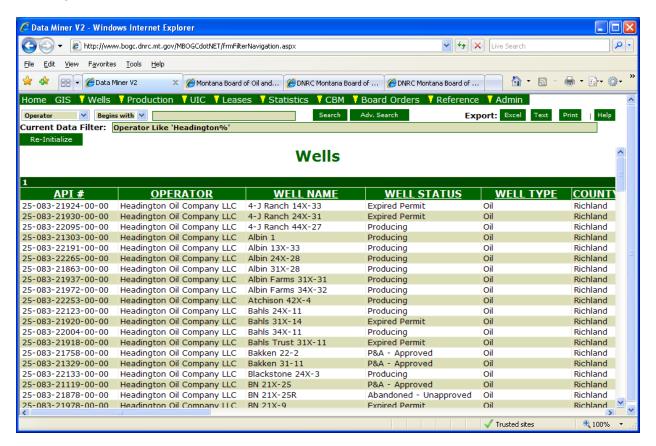
In this screen shot the filter box has been expanded to show the available filter options and "Operator" has been selected.



The middle selection box allows selection of the filter action criteria. "Begins with" is generally the most useful filter action since only a portion of the filter parameter is required.

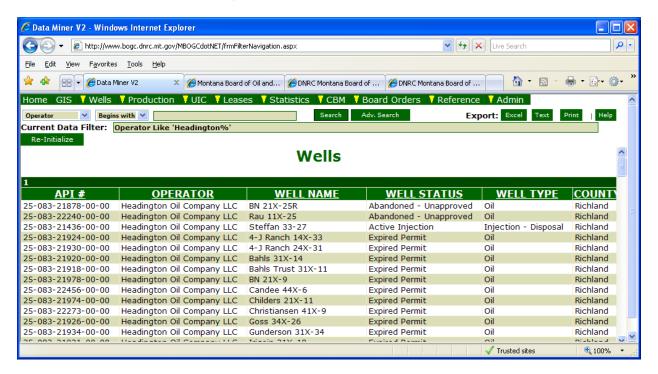


This shot shows the filter of "Operator" Begins with "Headington". To apply the filter click the "Search" button located to the right of the filter criteria box. In this example a list of wells with Headington as the operator will be returned.

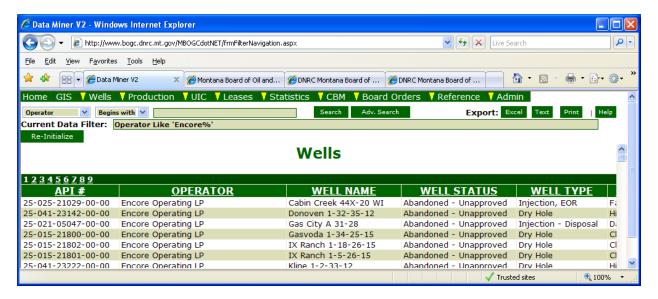


Scroll bars at the bottom and right sides of the data screen are used to move through the data view. The applied filter is shown below the filter boxes. In the example the filter that was passed to the data has the form Operator Like 'Headington%'. The filter box itself is cleared and a new filter could be applied.

Clicking on a column name within the data grid once will sort the returned data in ascending order, and a second click on the name will sort the data in descending order. The screen below shows the results from the filter above after the column heading "WELL STATUS" was clicked once. The data are now sorted by the well status.



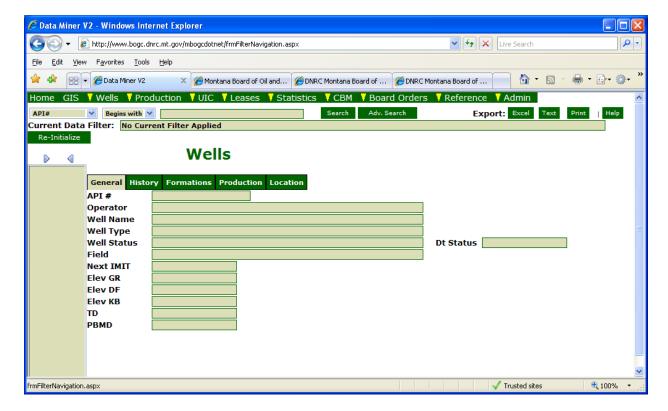
Data returned to application is divided into separate pages, each with a specific number of records. If more records are returned than allowed under the allocated page size numbers indicating the available pages appear at the top and bottom of the data form as shown below.



This screen shot shows that the filter has returned multiple pages of data as indicated by the numbers 1 through 9 at the top of the data area. Clicking on one of the page numbers will advance the data view to that page. (Sorting by column heading is not affected by pagination and all returned data is subject to the sorting parameter regardless of the number of pages.)

Forms within the system are of basically two types, the datasheet form shown in the previous example of filtering and a more complex form that allows for a advanced method of data viewing. The "Search Wells" form will be used to show the basic mechanics of this form type.

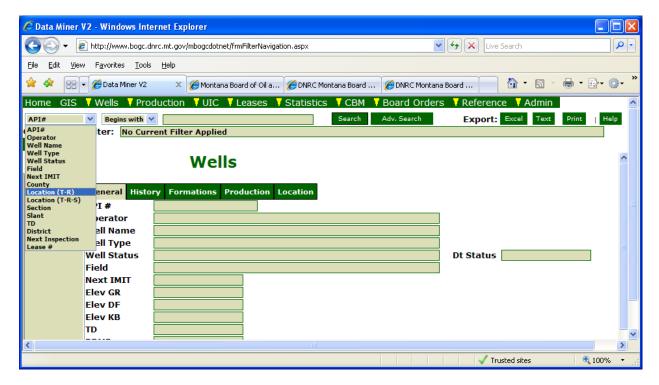


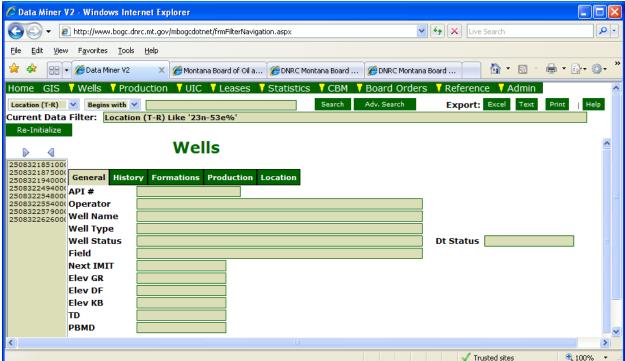


This is the "Search Wells" form opened without a filter. When a filter is applied to this form a list of wells will be aligned vertically in the box located along the left side of the data area. When a well is selected from this list the corresponding data will be shown in the data area at the center of the screen.

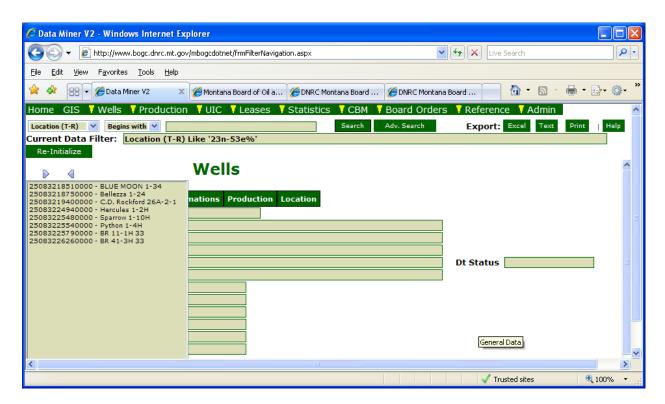
This specific form has 5 data types that can be displayed by clicking on the "General", "History", "Formations", "Production", or "Location" tabs located near the top of the data area.

For this example the filter option of location by township and range will be used:

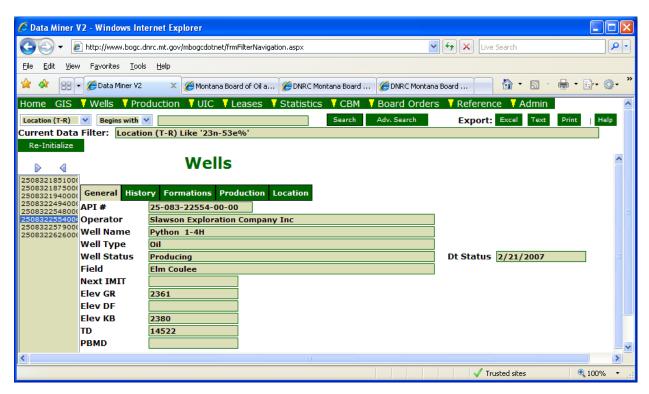




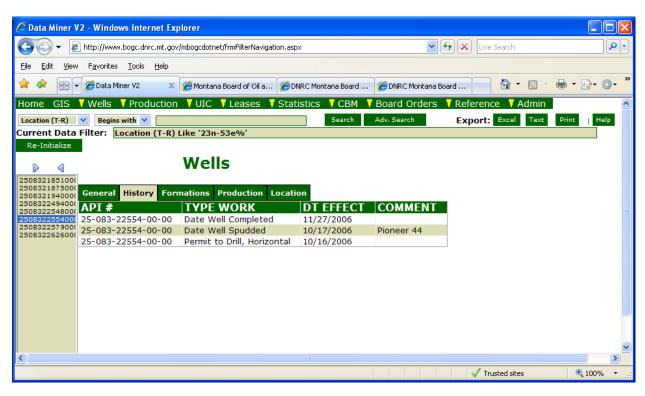
"Location (T-R) Begins with" is selected and the location is entered as 23n-53e in the filter box, which returns a list of wells in the vertical panel along the left side of the form. Clicking the ">" at the top of the list will expand the box to show a full API # and well name, as shown in the next screen shot.

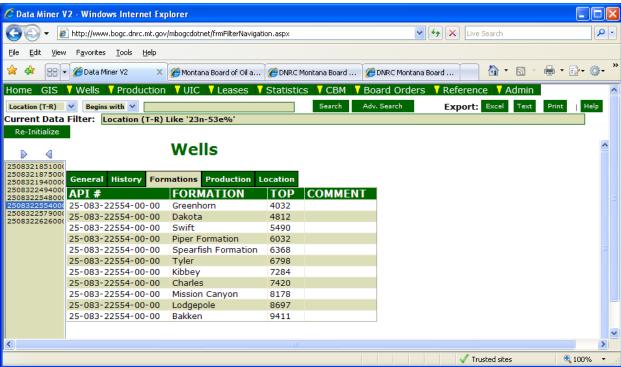


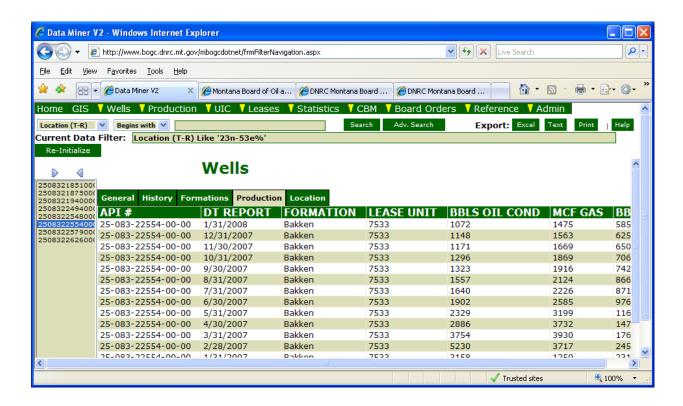
When a well is selected on the list the data matching that well will be shown in the data area.

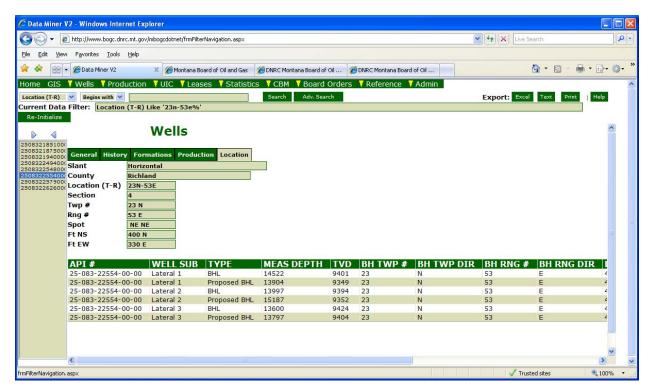


The following pages show the data associated with the "History", "Formations", "Production" and "Location" tabs.





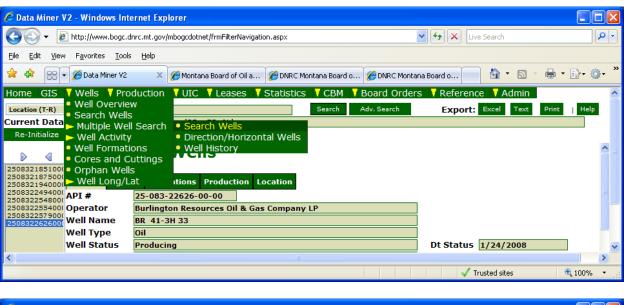




Data for a different well is displayed by clicking on a well in the selection box located along the left side of the screen. This box can be expanded or shrunk at any time by clicking the "<" or ">" buttons at the top of the list box.

One feature of this application is the ability to pass basic filter parameters from one form to the next <u>if the parameter in use is applicable to the new form</u>. The "Search Wells" form with the existing "Location (T-R)" filter will be used to demonstrate how filters are passed to a new form.

The simplest example is to jump from the "Search Wells" form to the "Multiple Well Search – Search Wells" form. Leave the current form as-is and place the mouse cursor on Wells, Multiple Well Search, and Search Wells.

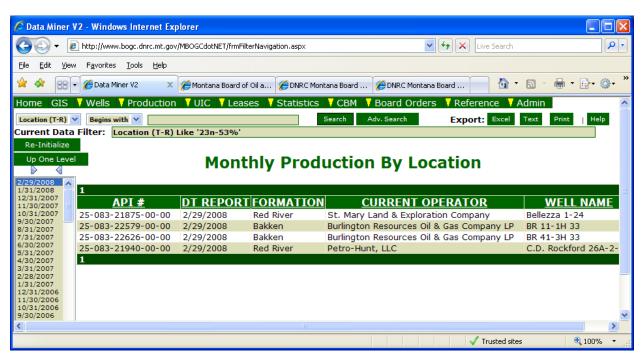


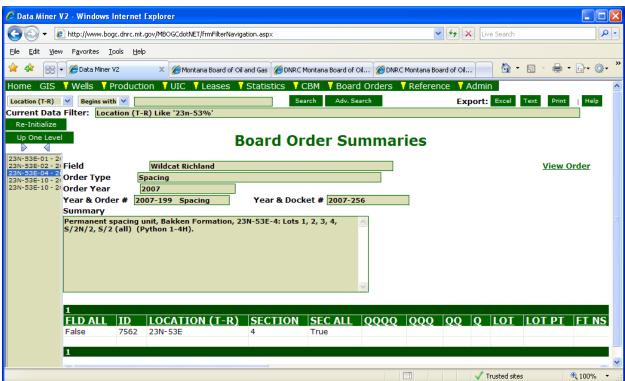


The Multiple Well / Search Well Screen will open with the same filter applied. Filters will be passed from form to form <u>only</u> if the specific filter is applicable to the type of data being displayed on the subsequent form.

For this example, any form and dataset that uses Township and Range as filter criteria will open with the same filter applied. The two screen shots on the next page show production data by location and board orders by T-R when opened with the T-R filter from the previous example.

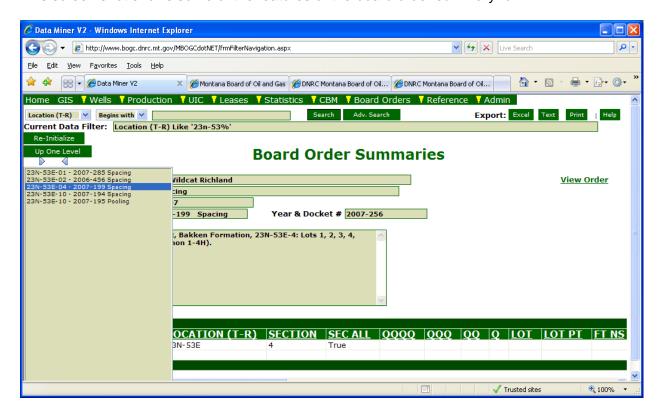
Due to the type of form being opened the original filter will only populate the list box located on the left side of the data area. One of the entries in this list box has to be selected for data to appear in the main data area.





## **Board Order Summary Form**

This screen shot shows some of the features of the board order summary form.



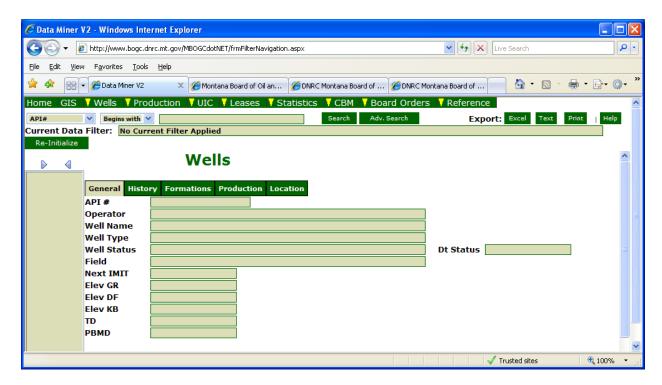
Expanding the list box (click ">") will show the township, range, and section, the order year and number, and the type of order. In this example, all of the orders applicable to the township and range are permanent spacing orders.

Clicking on the "View Order" link on the right side of the screen will open a new window with the order shown.

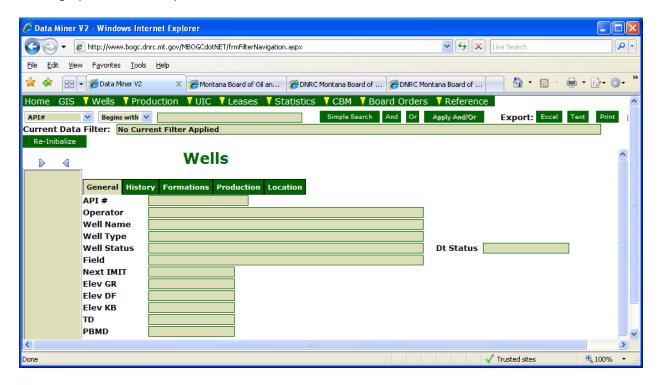
A pdf viewer is required to view orders, and a pop-up blocker may prevent opening of the display window.

# **Additional Features of the Online Data Application**

## Advanced Search



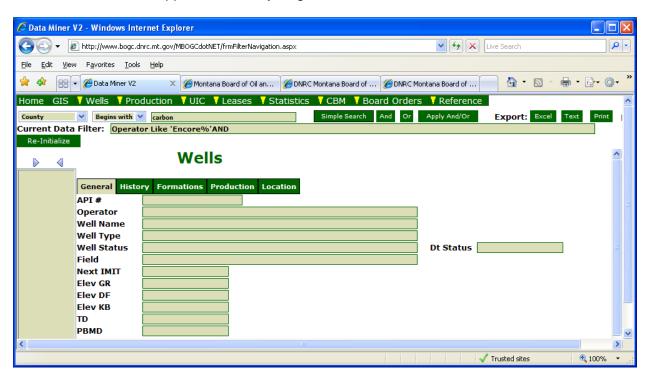
To perform an advanced search click the button labeled "Adv. Search". This opens additional filtering options based upon the "And" and "Or" buttons.



In this example the first filter is set to Operator Begins with Encore:

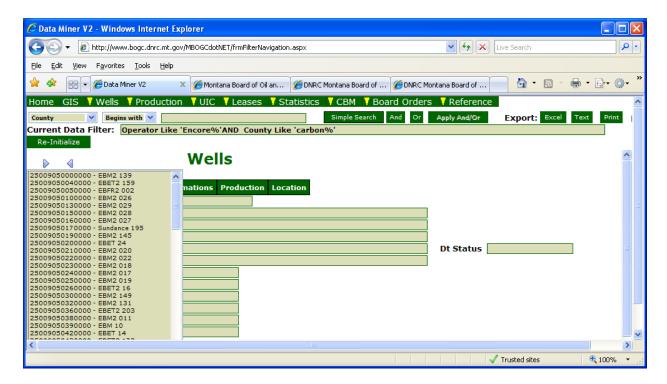


After entering the first filter criteria click "And" and enter a second filter criterion. In this example the second filter to be applied is "County Begins with Carbon".



To apply the combined filter click on the "Apply And/Or" button.

In this example, the Search Wells list box is now populated with all wells matching the filter "Operator Like Encore AND County Like carbon" to return all the wells operated by Encore that are located in Carbon County.



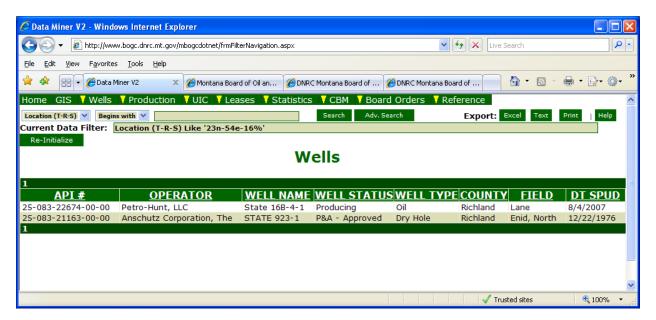
Additional compound filters using the "Or" option or combinations of "And" and "Or" are possible.

To return to a single-parameter search click the button labeled "Simple Search". As long as "Adv. Search" is selected the filtering mechanism expects a first entry followed by "And" or "Or" and at least one additional filtering parameter.

## Township – Range – Section Filter

Although most forms allow filtering to township and range, an option has been added to allow filtering directly to township, range, and section. Used in combination with the "Begins with" parameter this makes the township-range filer unnecessary.

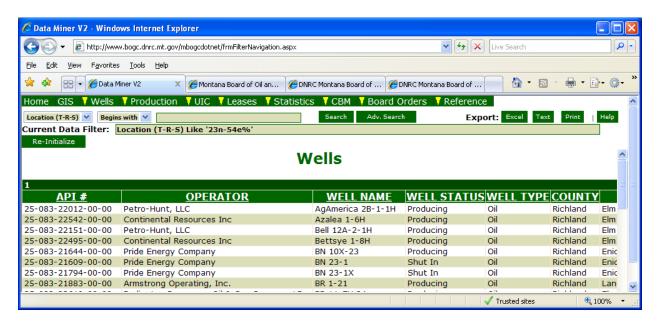
This is a screen shot of the multiple well / search well form with a selected filter of "Location (T-R-S) Like '23n-54e-16%' ", and it shows two wells located within Section 16.



This screen shows the same T-R-S filter but with only the township and range entered. Since the filter is based upon "Begins with" all of the wells in the township and range are returned.



# **Exporting Data**



There are two export options in the application, export to "Excel", or export to "Text". The ability to export data to an outside application was the primary goal of application development.

Pop-up blockers will stop exports, and security settings specific to the user's computer may block exporting to Microsoft Excel.

- Before attempting an export to Excel try to export to text by clicking the "Text" button. To
  date, the only thing that is known to stop an export to text is a pop-up blocker. Pop-up
  blockers are present within Internet Explorer, associated with the Google toolbar, 3rdparty security or firewall software, and may be included in software provided by an
  internet service provider.
- An indication of either a pop-up blocker or other security setting that could impede export of data is an audible click or beep after an export button is clicked.
- Pop-up blockers will have to either be configured to allow pop-ups from the Montana Board of Oil and Gas website or disabled for either of the export options to perform.
- If clicking export to text works and export to Excel still doesn't work, likely with an audible "bleep", hold down the control (ctrl) key until something appears on the screen. Usually a new window will open with an option box allowing the selection of either "Open" or "Save".
- The larger the dataset being returned, the longer the control key needs to be held down for the export to Excel.
- Always look for other message windows that might open during an export to Excel.
   More recent versions of Excel, and especially those running under Vista, may require additional security confirmation before the data will be transferred to a local computer.

# **Printing**

Although a button for printing is available on nearly all forms, most users will not be satisfied with the resulting print-out due to the number of data elements that are included in the returned data sets.

One method to capture data in a printable format is to use a third-party application that prints to a pdf file and select an over-sized paper for output. Forms such as the Multiple Well Search / Well Search are printable on an ANSI D (22" X 34") paper or image size.

# **Advanced Filtering**

If only a portion of a data field used for filtering is known, entering a "%" before the partial text string is the equivalent to a "contains" filter. For example, entering "%eading" (no quotes) when filtering to a company and using the "Begins with" action would return every company in the database that has the letters "eading" somewhere within the company name.

Entering only "%" in a filter box will also return all records from the underlying data table but it is not recommended that this be done due to the potentially large number of records that will be transferred, especially over a slow internet connection.